

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Monday and Tuesday, May 19–20, 1997, from 8:15 am to 4:15 pm, at the New Mexico Small Business Development Center, Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mary Ann Holl, SBA, 409 3rd Street, SW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20416, 202/205–7302.

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Michael Novelli,

Director, National Advisory Council.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Region V Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region V Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Milwaukee, Wisconsin will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 19, 1997, at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Metro Milwaukee Area Chamber (MMAC), Association of Commerce Building—Fourth Floor, in the Milwaukee Room, 756 North Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or other parties.

For further information write or call Wesley L. Scott, (414) 287–4161, Milwaukee Branch Office, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

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Director, National Advisory Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2529]

Preparation of Second U.S. Climate Action Report

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In June 1992, the United States signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Pursuant to the reporting requirements under Articles 4.2 and 12 of the Convention and to proposed format guidelines later adopted by the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP) at its first session, the United States submitted the U.S. Climate Action Report (USCAR) to the UNFCCC Secretariat. At its second session, the COP to the UNFCCC agreed that the second national communications from developed country Parties would be due on April 15, 1997.

However, because the Department of State wants to provide a public opportunity to comment on a draft text of the Second USCAR, we will not make our submission in the desired time frame. We have already notified the UNFCCC Secretariat that we will be tardy in submitting the final document which we anticipate doing at the July meeting of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In accordance with the UNFCCC's reporting requirements as specified in Articles 4.2 and 12, and following reporting guidelines developed (and adopted by the UNFCCC COP at its first session), the United States prepared the U.S. Climate Action Report (USCAR) and submitted it to the UNFCCC Secretariat in October 1994.

The USCAR provided a description of the U.S. program designed to reduce emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. The initial USCAR incorporated much of the information contained in the first Climate Change Action Plan announced by President Clinton and Vice President Gore on October 19, 1993.

At the Second COP, the Parties requested developed country Parties to the Convention to submit to the UNFCCC Secretariat, in accordance with Articles 12.1 and 12.2 of the Convention, a second national communication by April 15, 1997. Parties that submitted first reports in 1996 are to provide an update by the 1997 deadline and Parties with economies in transition are to provide their second communication by April 15, 1998. Developing country Parties have different guidelines and due dates for their first communications.

The Parties to the UNFCCC also adopted revisions to the guidelines for the reports at their second session.

Among other modifications, the revised guidelines encourage Parties to provide information on actions implemented by regional and local governments or the private sector. At its 12th Plenary meeting in September 1996, the Intergovernmental Panel on climate Change (IPCC) approved additional guidance with respect to the methodologies to inventory greenhouse gas emissions. These revised methodologies have been approved by the UNFCCC's Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) for use in preparing national communications, recognizing that the delay in their adoption could cause difficulty for Party countries in using them in plan preparation. We have followed both sets of guidelines, to the extent possible, in the preparation of the second USCAR.

The Second USCAR

The draft version of the second USCAR reviews key elements contained in the initial climate Change Action Plan including: an update on key baseline assumptions; a review and assessment of activities to date under the almost 50 actions listed in the plan; and update of the list of actions reflecting changes initiated by responsible agencies since the plan was first proposed in 1993. The document also reflects information submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality in response to a request for comments on the original Climate Change Action Plan which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1995, (60 FR 44022) and information presented at a subsequent public hearing held on September 22, 1995.

In keeping with international guidelines, the draft second USCAR provides an inventory of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and sinks, estimated effects of mitigation measures and policies on future emissions levels, and describes U.S. involvement in international programs including associated contributions and funding efforts.

In addition, the text includes a discussion of U.S. national circumstances which affect U.S. vulnerability and responses to climate change. Information on the U.S. Global Change Research Program, the largest climate change research program in the world, and on adaptation programs is also presented.

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